

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Serial No.: 09/981,565 Confirmation No.: 7706  
Applicant: Andrew C. Gilbert, et al.  
Title: BID/OFFER SPREAD TRADING  
Filed: October 17, 2001  
Art Unit: 3694  
Examiner: Hai Tran  
  
Atty. Docket: 01-1040  
Customer No. 63710

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Applicant hereby replies to the Office Action of December 20, 2010. Kindly amend the application as follows.

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicant petitions for a three-month extension of time to reply to the Action of December 20, 2010, to and including June 20, 2011.

Kindly charge the petition fee to Deposit Account No. 50-3938, Order No. 01-1040.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS** begin on page 7 of this paper.